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SUBJ: COLOGNE CITY COUNCIL CANCELS VISIT TO MOSCOW OVER
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE

1. THE CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE FACTIONS OF THE COLOGNE
CITY COUNCIL HAVE DECIDED TO CANCEL A VISIT TO MOSCOW
WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 16 THROUGH 19, 1978.
THE INVITATION TO THIS VISIT HAD BEEN EXTENDED BY MOSCOW
LORD MAYOR VLADIMIR L. PROMISLOV ON OCCASION OF HIS
SECOND VISIT TO COLOGNE SEPTEMBER 9, 1977. (FIRST VISIT
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IN 1972.)

2. IN A LETTER TO PROMISLOV THE CITY COUNCIL STATED
THAT RECENT RRIALS AGAINST SOVIET CITIZENS WHO INSISTED
ON THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AS LAID DOWN IN THE HELSINKI
CONVENTION MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE COLOGNE CITY COUNCIL
TO SEND A FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION TO MOSCOW.

3. THE LORD MAYOR OF TEL AVIV, SHLOMO LAHAT HAD TELEGRAPHED AN APPEAL TO ALL CITIES FRIENDLY WITH TEL AVIV, INCLUDING COLOGNE, TO PROTEST AGAINST THE SHCHARANSKI AND GINSBURG TRIALS. THE COLOGNE CITY COUNCIL IS PLANNING A VISIT TO TEL AVIV ON SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH 19, 1978 TO ESTABLISH A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.

4. THE CITY COUNCIL REPUDIATED SPECULATIONS THAT ITS ACTION AGAINST THE MOSCOW VISIT HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY THE TEL AVIV TELEGRAM. NEVERTHELESS THE CITY COUNCIL, CONFIRMING ITS VISIT TO TEL AVIV, ALSO INCLUDED A COPY OF ITS LETTER TO MOSCOW IN ITS MESSAGE. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL DECLARED THAT IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING LOCAL ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL THE PARTNERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE FORMALLY INAUGURATED DURING THE SEPTEMBER VISIT BUT RATHER IN EARLY 1979.DUX

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